

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
March 25, 2009**

7:00 P.M.

**2nd Floor Meeting Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186**

Members Present: Matthew Smith, Chairman, Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, William D. Nace, Peter S. Eltringham, Adrienne Garreau, and R. Holder Trumbo

Members Absent: Sam Poles, J. David Cubbage and Jeffrey Walker

Guests Present: Mark Nesfeder, Chairman Fauquier County Pedestrian Bicycle and Greenway Advisory Committee, Paul Russell, VDOT and David Dick, VDOT

Staff Present: Susan Eddy, Meredith Meixner, Rick Carr and Kim Abe

ACTION:

On motion made by Holder Trumbo and seconded by Matthew Smith, it was moved to change the order of item #4 to #1 on the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Presentation by Mark Nesfeder, Chairman Fauquier County Pedestrian Bicycle and Greenway Advisory Committee

Mr. Nesfeder explained that the Fauquier County Pedestrian Bicycle and Greenway Advisory Committee began in January 2008 after the Board of Supervisors approved the Fauquier County Connections Plan. He continued that this committee was asked to identify a hierarchy of issues and has discovered three of great importance. The first issue is limiting trails to the Service Districts. A subcommittee was formed to focus on expanding the areas. The second issue is trail standards. A subcommittee is focusing on amenities, parking, signage, trail width, etc. The third is safe route to school program and a subcommittee is looking for an eligible school.

2. Approval of February 25, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes

Ms. Garreau requested clarification in paragraph four of item #5.

Mr. Mason requested a change in paragraph six of item #9.

ACTION:

On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Larry Mason, it was moved to table the February 25, 2009 Committee meeting minutes until the next meeting on April 29, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ***Consider making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on Route 215 (Vint Hill Road)***

The committee reviewed the draft “Report to Transportation Committee on Route 215 (Vint Hill Road) in Fauquier County.” They unanimously agreed to review the document point by point. The discussions culminated in the following new draft text with minor revisions in the Short-Term Recommendation Section, as follows:

SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- VDOT fund and schedule a second supplemental study to the Draft US 29/15 Lee Highway and Route 215 Vint Hill Road Evaluation and Recommendations Report (Prepared by: Parsons Brinkerhoff) (Item 7 Attachment D). The study objectives will be to assess alternative solutions for traffic wanting to gain access to and from Route 215. These options should consider context-sensitive design, can occur outside the existing r-o-w, but also must consider and minimize impacts on documented historic resources (e.g., the Village of Buckland, Buckland Hall, and the core area of the Buckland Races)
- While retaining the option of making Route 215 a 4-lane road on its current alignment, explore retention of Route 215 as a 2-lane primary road, with traffic calming design alternatives on Route 215 intersections (e.g., roundabout design at the Route 600/215 intersection) in lieu of the more conventional turn lane movements and traffic signalization, historic markers and the designation of the northernmost section through Buckland Farms as a historic parkway. (Comment: In the context of the recognized battlefield area, improvements to facilitate preservation and public appreciation for Buckland Races battlefield sites within Fauquier County should be planned.)
- Assess the implications of gaining National Historic registry of the US 15/29 /Route 215 area as part of the Buckland Battlefield area.
- Connect the Brookside Parkway through Vint Hill to Route 215.
- Complete the engineering design of the Route 600/676 roundabout.
- Complete the VDOT Preliminary Engineering Report for Route 600 between its intersections with U.S. 15/29 and Route 676 (includes the r-o-w alignment, utility location, needed utility relocations, stormwater management, curb & gutter cross section including 2-lanes, with turn lanes, sidewalk and trail elements).
- Reconvene the New Baltimore Comprehensive Plan Committee or similar to review and update the Transportation Plan to include consideration of the following:
 - Obtaining r-o-w for an additional link that would connect Route 602 and Brookside/Vint Hill Parkway.

- Removing the general corridor fan from Rt. 215 to the eastern edge of the Service District that depicted the relocation area in which the Rt. 215 alignment and eventual interchange could occur.
 - Providing additional road alignments for greater connectivity and to relieve congestion on Broad Run Church Road.
 - Traffic-calming alternatives to slow traffic on Broad Run Church Road.
 - Working with VHEDA to identify multiple connectivity to Vint Hill.
 - Exploring whether Shepherdstown Road (Rt. 790) needs to perform a more prominent role as a secondary road within the New Baltimore Service District.
 - Ensuring development takes account of historic resources.
- Reassess the County's recommended primary Six-Year Road Plan to clarify the Route 215 position.

Comments: An important early step will be to determine the strategic placement of electronic traffic counters and complete vehicle counts at key locations to determine the impact of the Kettle Run High School/Greenville Elementary School and changing commuting patterns within the Route 600/Shepherdstown Road/Vint Hill/Finch Lane/Route 602 network. The objective will be to technically determine whether Shepherdstown Road should be improved in the future or other alternatives need to be developed to lessen the "cut through" traffic volume on Rt. 792. Funding may be an obstacle, but to correctly analyze the movements and make recommendations, such data is required.

ACTION:

On motion made by Bill Nace and seconded by Pete Eltringham, it was moved to recommend this report as amended to the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried 5-0, R. Holder Trumbo abstained.

4. *Consider making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the FY2009/20010 through FY2014/2015 Secondary Six Year Plan*

Mr. Paul Russell introduced himself as the VDOT engineer in attendance to answer questions. He also introduced Mr. Dave Dick who manages the VDOT Warrenton Residency finances and funding.

Mrs. Eddy reiterated that no new projects will be added to the list. Mr. Dick added that the items on the list completed are Routes 748, 806, and 1201; Routes 605 and 800 will be placed into storage. The committee requested that VDOT bring the entire storage project list to the next meeting so that they could see it all in order to understand the full list of requested projects in Fauquier County.

VDOT explained that they would like a separate storage list for projects that are not fully supported by the community. Mr. Dick noted that the Spring Mill Road (Route 823) was on the project list but that the neighborhood is opposed to the project. The Transportation Committee requested that VDOT stratify the storage list with those more likely to be implemented from those that confront challenges.

Adrienne Garreau noted that Schoolhouse Road, previously discussed at the Transportation Committee, needs to be placed on the storage list as a project that is likely to be implemented. VDOT agreed to put this project on the top of their project storage list.

ACTION:

On motion made by Pete Eltringham and seconded by Larry Mason, it was moved to forward the FY2009/2010 through FY2014/2015 Secondary Six Year Plan to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of approval. The motion carried unanimously.

5. *Citizens' Time*

Mr. Chuck Medvitz inquired whether VDOT had made a determination about placing white lines on the edges of Baldwin Street (Route 673). Mr. Russell apologized that he did not have an answer but that he would at the next meeting.

6. *Other Items*

Mr. Eltringham reminded the committee of the Battlefield Symposium taking place on March 28, 2009 at the Fauquier High School.

Ms. Garreau expressed her interest in the Transportation Committee meeting with the Pedestrian Bicycle and Greenway Advisory Committee on a routine basis.

Mr. Smith reminded the group of the Regional Planning Forum being held on March 31, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 29, 2009.**